

Richard Burgess Farmhouse  
HO-868  
1270 Hay Meadow Lane, Sykesville  
Howard County  
ca. 1860s, ca. 1913, ca. 2000  
Private

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The Richard Burgess Farmhouse, in its original form, had significance as a mid-19th century vernacular farmhouse set in a scenic rural piedmont landscape. Although the form of the original house remains legible, the property has lost historic integrity due to large ca. 2000 additions, exterior and interior replacement materials, which replaced and/or concealed nearly all of the historic materials, and changes to its setting due to subdivision.

Only two families occupied the Richard Burgess Farm before the property was subdivided in the 1990s. In 1861, Richard Burgess purchased 134 acres and constructed the farmhouse. Richard Burgess did not marry and he lived at the farm with his extended family until at least 1910. Richard Burgess left the farm to his nephew, who sold it to Streaker family in 1913. The Streakers held the property until 1993.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Richard Burgess Farmhouse (preferred)

other "Hay Meadow"

### 2. Location

street and number 1270 Hay Meadow Lane  not for publication

city, town Sykesville  vicinity

county Howard County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Michael and Allison Bohan

street and number 1270 Hay Meadow Lane telephone n/a

city, town Sykesville state MD zip code 21784

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etca. Land Records liber 8613 folio 510

city, town Columbia tax map 9 tax parcel 335 tax ID number 03-318311

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0 sites
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		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				0	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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### House (ca. 1860s)

#### *Exterior*

The Richard Burgess Farmhouse is an altered ca. 1860s center passage, end-gable, single pile, 2-story, 3-bay, wood frame house with a 2-story rear kitchen ell, which had an L-shaped footprint.<sup>1</sup> The house was completely rehabbed in ca. 2000. The interior of the house was gutted, additions that more than double the original square-footage were constructed, and the house was resided. The new footprint is essentially a pair of rectangles, with one rectangle set slightly behind (west) of the other. The old section of the house has a stone foundation. The new section has a concrete foundation. The entire house is sided in recent wood siding. The main roof is covered in asphalt shingles and porches and bays have recent standing seam metal roofs. A few window openings in the original house retain early 20th century wood one-over one windows. Brick interior chimneys are located at the gable ends of the original house.

The front facade of the Richard Burgess Farmhouse faces east. The original house is symmetrical about its entry bay. The 1st story has a tripartite main entry, comprised of new leaded glass front door and sidelights with new wood trim. The main entry is flanked by paired window openings, which hold early-20th c. wood one-over-one windows. The 2nd story has three window openings, which are vertically aligned with 1st story openings. The center window opening on the 2nd floor has a tripartite configuration. Although this window opening now holds new leaded glass windows and has new wood trim, this type of window configuration is common in mid-19th century, late-Federal farmhouses in the area. The center window is flanked by single window openings, which hold early 20th century wood one-over one windows. A 1-story hipped-roof porch extends across the primary facade. The porch has a concrete deck, and ca. 2000 wood turned posts, railings, brackets, and standing seam metal roof.

The only other visible elevation of the original house faces south. The 1st story of the south, gable-end elevation has two window openings. The 2nd story of the south elevation has one window opening, which is vertically aligned with the eastern 1st story window opening. Window openings on the south elevation also hold early 20th ca. wood one-over-one windows. A round, louvered attic vent is located in the gable end.

A ca. 2000 addition covers the entire west and north elevations of the Richard Burgess Farmhouse and incorporates the rear kitchen ell.

#### *Interior*

The interior of the main house retains its center passage, single pile, 1st floor plan. Most historic interior materials have been replaced or covered. The remaining historic features in the interior 1st floor indicate that the house might have been updated in the early 20th century, perhaps when the Streaker family bought the property from the Burgess's in 1913. The 1st floor interior retains wood strip flooring, a turned early 20th-c. newel post, and white marble fireplace surrounds. The newel post has a ca. 2000 brass plaque that states that house was built in ca. 1840. Walls are sheathed with drywall and wood door and window trim with bulls-eye corner blocks

<sup>1</sup> The house's date of construction is based on a combination of map, deed, and census research. The house does not appear on the 1860 Martenet's Map of Howard County. Richard Burgess bought the land in 1861. The Richard Burgess family appears in the location of the Richard Burgess farm by 1870.

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is ca. 2000. Random plank pine flooring in one section of the ca. 2000 addition was harvested from an outbuilding previously located on the farm. A brass plaque on the floor states that the floor came out of the original slaves quarters.<sup>2</sup>

### **Kitchen ell**

Because the ell is integrated into the new additions on the exterior, and gutted in the interior, it is difficult to date. The roof framing visible in the attic has distinct circular saw marks and a cistern remains in the attic. Many mid-19th century I-houses in Howard County have late 19th-early 20th century kitchen ells and this addition likely dates from that period as well. Only the west exterior elevation of the kitchen ell is visible because ca. 2000 additions cover the north and south elevations. A 1-story, shed-roofed addition projects from the 1st story of the kitchen ell. A ca. 2000 window opening is located south of the shed-roofed addition. The 2nd story retains two original window openings, which hold ca. 2000 windows. A four-light wood window lights the attic.

### **Meat house (ca. 1915)**

A ca. 1915 meat house is located west of the Richard Burgess House.<sup>3</sup> The meat house has a rectangular footprint and a gable roof. The building is set on a rusticated concrete foundation and is sided and roofed in cedar shingles. The entry door is located in the building's south gable end. The interior retains metal sheathing on the upper portions of the walls and ceiling and hooks hang from the ceiling.

### **Site**

The Richard Burgess Farmhouse is set on a 40,627 square-foot lot. Two additional house lots were carved from the farm and two ca. 1990s houses are located south of the Richard Burgess Farmhouse. Much of the farmland originally associated with the house remains undeveloped behind the house. This farmland, although no longer associated with the house, provides the house with a highly picturesque setting composed of rolling grassland with a tree-lined creek in the mid-ground and a wooded ridge in the background.

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<sup>2</sup> This building is no longer extant, so the veracity of this information cannot be confirmed. While Richard Burgess may have moved to the site prior to end of the Civil War, it is unlikely that previously landless farmers would have owned slaves.

<sup>3</sup> The date of construction is based on the use of early 20th features such as the CMU foundation and shingle siding. It is also possible that the building was constructed in the late 19th century and was moved onto the CMU foundation and resided in the early 20th century.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

**Specific dates** ca. 1860s; ca. 2000 **Architect/Builder** unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1860s; ca. 2000

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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### Owners and occupants

Only two families occupied the Richard Burgess Farm before the property was subdivided in the 1990s. In 1861, Richard Burgess purchased 134 acres and constructed the farmhouse. Richard Burgess did not marry. He lived at the farm with his extended family until at least 1910. He left the farm to his nephew, who sold it to Streaker family in 1913. The Streakers held the property until 1993.

The Richard Burgess Farmhouse does not appear on the 1860 Martenet's Map of Howard County. In 1860, Richard Burgess (aged 36) - a farmer - lived in the 2nd Election District of Howard County (Ellicott City) with father John Burgess (aged 69) - a farmer - and his brothers and sisters Mary (aged 35), John W. (aged 31), Susan R. (aged 26), [illeg.] (aged 24), and James (aged 19). They did not own any land and their personal property was valued at \$400. Richard Burgess's sister Margaret (aged 23) lived next door with her husband Jonathan Wheatly (aged 31) - a farmer, and their children, Sarah (aged 5), John W. (aged 4), and Margaret (aged 2).<sup>4</sup>

By 1870, the Burgess's had moved from Ellicott City to the Hay Meadow property. In 1870, the residents of the Richard Burgess Farmhouse were Richard (aged 46) - a farmer, Mary (aged 45) - who kept the house, Alice (aged 25) - a domestic servant, John W. (aged 40) - a laborer, and their father John (aged 75), as well as Richard's niece Sarah Wheatly (aged 14) and her younger brother (aged 7) - who were attending school.<sup>5</sup>

By 1900, Richard Burgess's nephew George had joined them at the farm. In 1900, the residents of the Richard Burgess Farmhouse were Richard (aged 80) - a farmer, brother John W. (aged 74), sister Alice (aged 60), and niece Sarah Wheatly (aged 45).<sup>6</sup> George Wheatly (aged 35), his wife Mary V. Wheatly (aged 24), and their daughter Ethel (aged 1), lived next door.<sup>7</sup> In 1910, Richard (aged 89), John (aged 80), and Alice (aged 69) and Sarah Wheatly (aged 54) were all still living at the house. George and Mary Wheatly have the same address. They had 7 children, four of whom survived, by that date: Ethel (aged 12), Charles (aged 10), Amos (aged 8) and Morris (aged 4).<sup>8</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Eighth Census of United States: 1860, Population Schedule**, 2nd District, p. 2.

<sup>5</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Ninth Census of United States: 1870, Population Schedule**, 3rd District, p.33.

<sup>6</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Twelfth Census of United States: 1900, Population Schedule**, E.D. 82, Sheet 11A.

<sup>7</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Twelfth Census of United States: 1900, Population Schedule**, E.D. 82, Sheet 11A.

<sup>8</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Thirteenth Census of United States: 1910, Population Schedule**, E.D. 52, Sheet 4B.

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In 1913, George Wheatly sold the farm to Oscar Streaker and his wife Cora. By 1920, Oscar (aged 33) was a widower and he lived at the farm with Noah Stevenson (aged 49) - who was Mr. Streaker's cook, Christian Kitchner (aged 14) - who was an orphan who worked as Mr. Streaker's chore boy, and James Nicholson (aged 50) - who was a laborer on the Streaker farm.<sup>9</sup> Oscar Streaker remarried the following year and in 1930, he lived at the farm with his wife Edna (aged 31) and their son Oscar (aged 7).<sup>10</sup> In 1991, Edna Streaker gave power of attorney to her sons, Oscar and Marriott and in 1993, the Streaker sold the property to William and Bonnie Green, who subdivided the property and sold the Richard Burgess Farmhouse and current lot.

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<sup>9</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fourteenth Census of United States: 1920, Population Schedule**, E.D. 59, Sheet 3B

<sup>10</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, E.D. 14-8, Sheet 18A.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule, 1860, 1870, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.**

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Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.

Lanier, Gabrielle M. and Bernard L. Herman. **Everyday Architecture of the Mid-Atlantic.** Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1997.

Martenet, Simon J. **Martenet's Map of Howard County, Maryland.** Baltimore, 1860.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 40,627 SF

Acreage of historical setting 134 acres

Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Richard Burgess Farmhouse corresponds to Map 9, Grid, 11, Parcel 335, which is the building's current legal lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	December 1, 2004
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4355
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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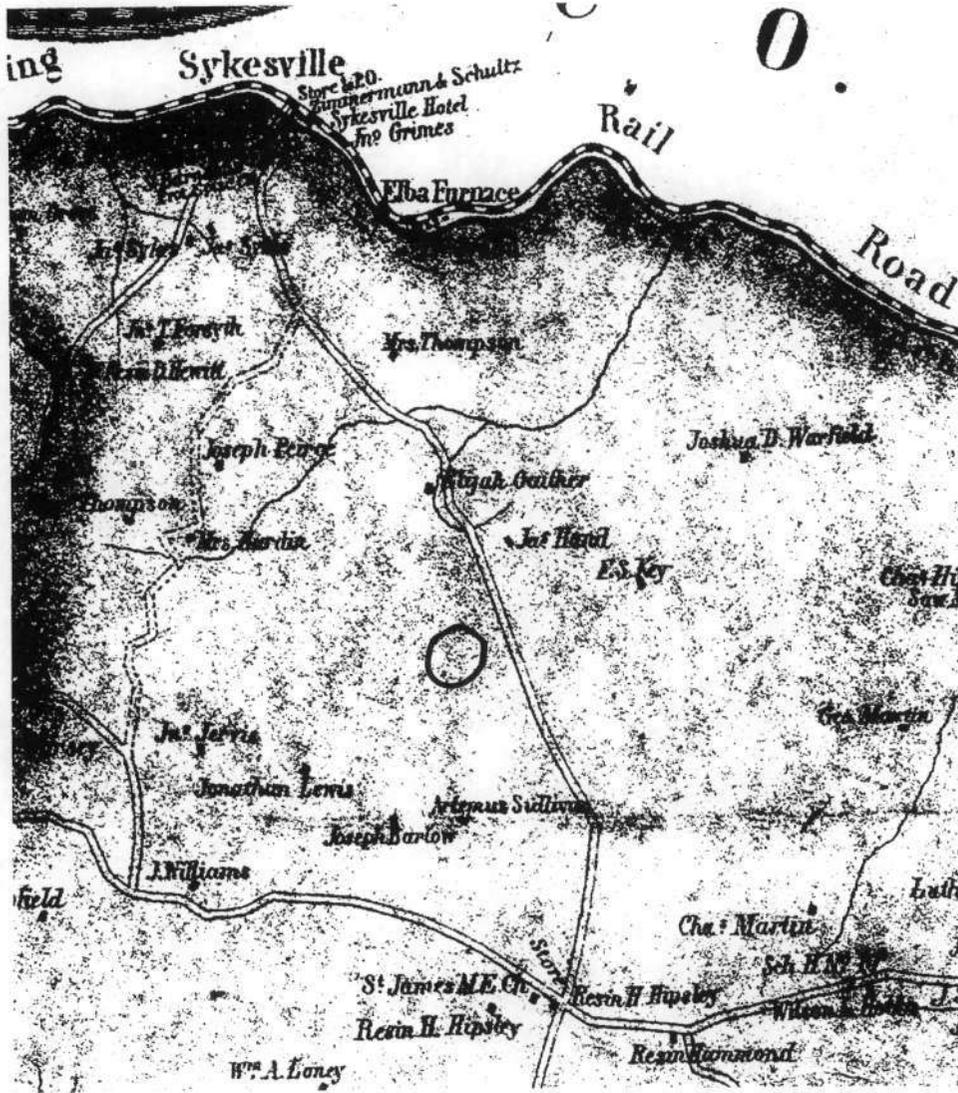
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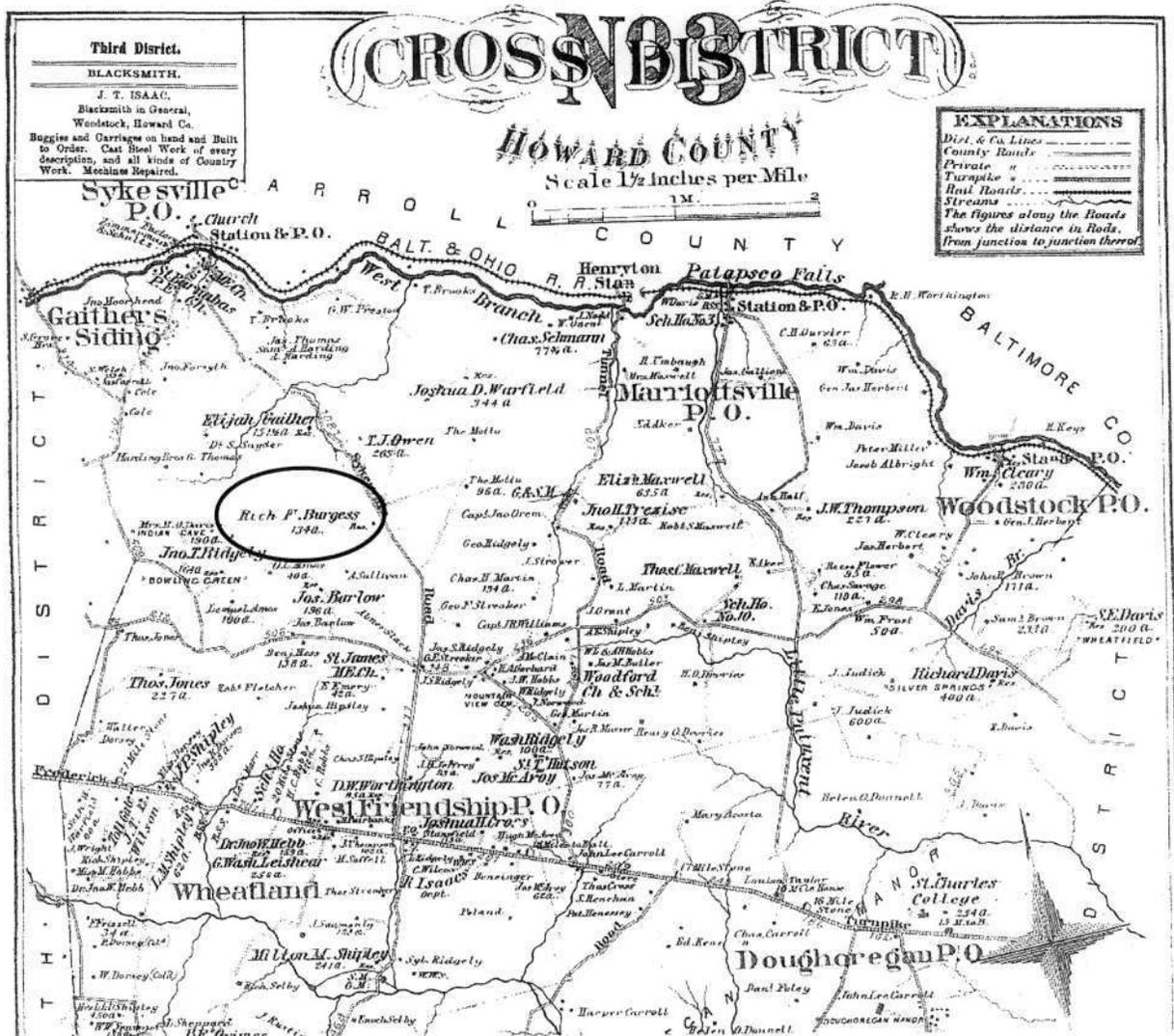
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Bank of New York, Trustee	Kenneth Metzbower and Lisa B. Metzbower	06-28-2001	5613	19	Deed	\$310,000	40,627 square feet	Lot 3 of the Plat entitled "Hay Meadows"
R. Douglas Jones and Mary Jane Fisher, Trustees	Bank of New York, Trustee	12-23-1999	5000	114	Deed	\$174,503.30	40,627 square feet	Foreclosure
Lewis E. Vincent	R. Douglas Jones of America's Wholesale Lender	05-13-1999	4766	216	Deed of Trust	416,250	40,627 square feet	Lot 3 of the Plat entitled "Hay Meadows"
Oscar R. Streaker, Jr. remainderman, and Edna D. Streaker, Life Tenant, by her attorneys in fact, Oscar Riggs Streaker, Jr. and Marriott Davis Streaker, Grantors	William A Green and Bonnie F. Green, his wife	05-05-1993	2856	209	Deed	570,000	54.3 acres	
Edna Davis Streaker, widow (Howard County)	Oscar Riggs Streaker, Jr. and Marriott Davis Streaker	08-08-1991	2370	206	Power of Attorney			
Oscar R. Streaker and Cora V. Streaker	George E. Wheatly	06-26-1913	95	235	Mortgage	5000.00		
George E. Wheatly and Mary V. Wheatly (Howard County)	Oscar R. Streaker	06-26-1913	95	234	Deed	7500.00	130.15 acres	Richard Burgess bequeathed the property to George Wheatly in his will dated 1902.
Arthur McLean (Howard County)	Richard Burgess (Howard County)	06-10-1861	21	417	Deed	3400.00	134 acres	Tract called "Hay Meadow", part of a tract called "Taylors Park" part of a tract called "Lucy and Rachel's Lot" and part of tract called "Invasion."



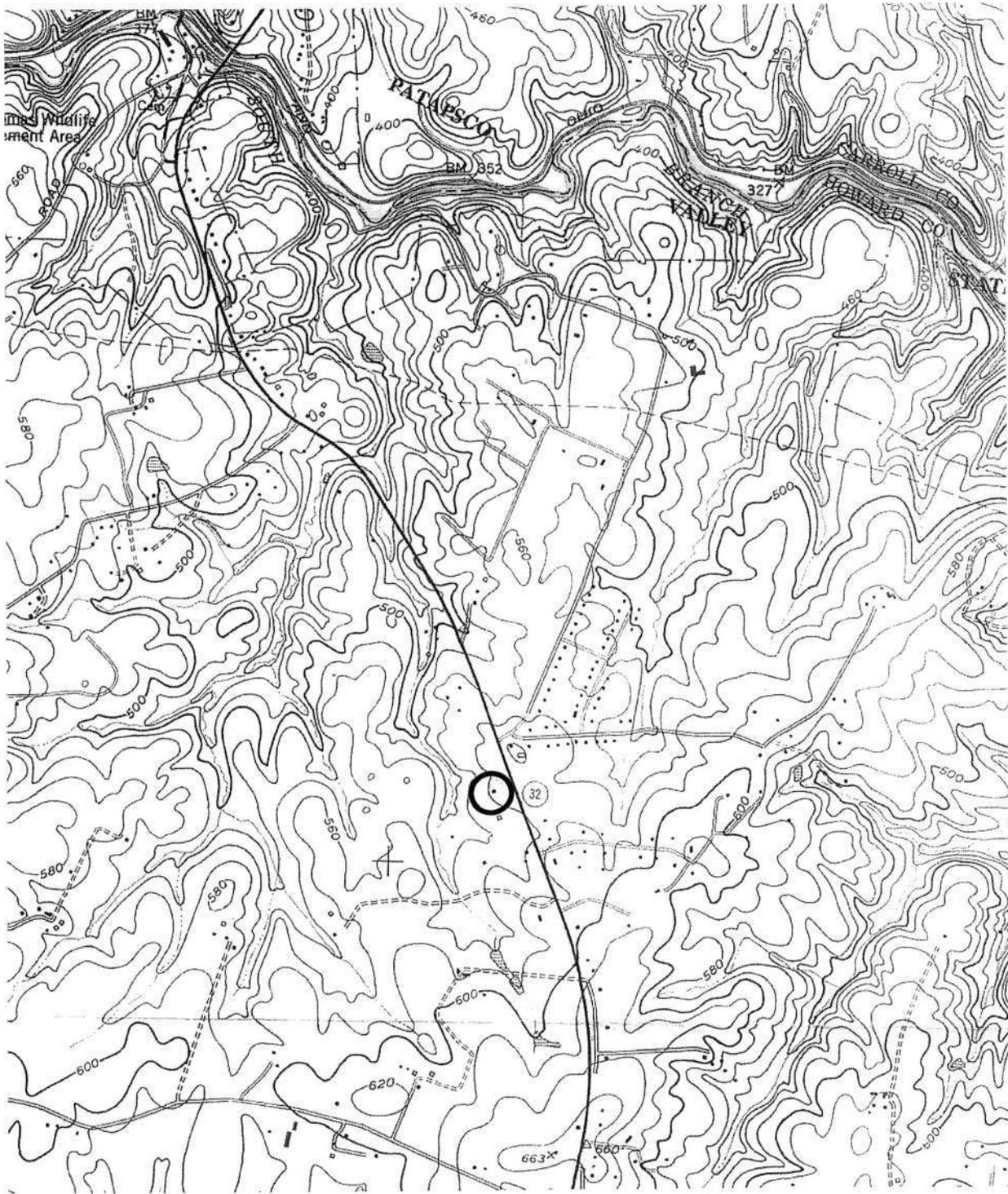
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1270 Hay Meadow Lane  
Sykesville, Howard County  
*Site Plan/Aerial Photo*



Richard Burgess Farm (HO-868)  
1270 Hay Meadow Lane, Sykesville  
Howard County  
1860 Martenet's Map



Richard Burgess Farm (HO-868)  
 1270 Hay Meadow Lane, Sykesville  
 Howard County  
 1878 Hopkins Atlas



Richard Burgess Farmhouse (HO-868)  
1270 Hay Meadow Lane  
Sykesville, Howard County  
*USGS Sykesville Quad*



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Richard Burgess Farmhouse

Howard County, Maryland

Jennifer Gould

December, 2004

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View west, shows front facade.

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Howard County, Maryland

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View north. Shows south facade.

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Richard Burgess Farmhouse

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View east. Shows west facade and meat house,

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Richard Burgess Farmhouse

Howard County, Maryland

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View east. Shows house in setting.

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Jennifer Gould

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View west. Shows reused wood post in rehabbed house

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View east. Shows meat house.

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View north, stone roof house interior,

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Detail of meat house joinery + sheathing.

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View west. Shows landscape.

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